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OPENS NEW STORE

Tom Stockwell Will Deal In Second-Hand Furniture And Musical Supplies.

Tom Stockwell opened his second hand furniture store in the building formerly occupied by the Hubbard bowling alley yesterday morning. It is the same building which was occupied by Ralph Adam's second hand store before the completion of the Riley building.

In addition to the second hand furniture business, Mr. Stockwell will deal in phonographs, phonograph supplies, pianos and other instruments and all kinds of musical supplies.

In this branch of business, Mr. Stockwell succeeds J. Crowther, whom he bought out last week. Mr. Crowther relinquishing possession yesterday morning. Mr. Simpson, who has for some time been with Mr. Crowther in his business, will remain with his successor.

The rapid growth of Dallas, both past and prospective, easily warrants the development of this business and Mr. Stockwell will no doubt meet with great success in his venture.

T. W. Brank, president of the Polk County School Officers' Association has announced Saturday, February 27 as the date for the educational rally for the Salt Creek section, which will be held at the Ballston school house. The rally for the Buell section will follow on Saturday, March 6, at the Buell school house.

UTOPIANS ENTERTAIN

Give Fine Reception In College Chapel After The Newberg-Dallas Basketball Game.

The most elaborate reception that has been given in this city by the students of Dallas College since its founding, was held by the Utopian Society in the Chapel, Friday night, after the basketball game between Dallas and Newberg, in compliment to the two contesting teams and to the members of the Philadelphia Society.

Taking their cue in entertainment from the near approach of St. Valentine's Day, the young women prepared their program and the decorations for the hall accordingly. Hearts and cupid formed the motif and into these symbolic features of the decoration, college penants of every description were cleverly interwoven.

A fortune teller, dwelling in a booth in one part of the hall attracted an interested crowd about her pennant bedecked domicile, while in another place punch was served liberally to all comers from a huge bowl trimmed up into the semblance of a mossy well.

A fine program consisting of appropriate musical selections, readings and addresses was followed by a general, jolly, social evening. The guests present numbered considerably above 100, including the students and members of the faculty.

Mrs. James Casey Is Dead.

Mrs. James Casey died Thursday at her home in Woodburn aged 80 years. Deceased was a native of County Longford, Ireland, and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1862, locating in Oregon City, where she married James Casey, in 1863. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary here May 19, 1903. She was a mother of 13 children, eight of whom, with the aged husband, survive. They are John Casey, of Portland; Sister Placidia, of the Catholic Indian Mission School at Clayoquet, B. C.; Bartholomew Casey, of Dallas; Mrs. Annie Prevost, of Sacramento; Mrs. E. L. Campbell, of Eugene; Mrs. J. B. Coe, of Oakland, California; Thomas Casey, of Butte, Montana, and Miss Madge Casey, at the old homestead.

K. of P. Ball Well Attended.

In point of attendance the fifth Annual Ball given in Falls City, Friday night by Cascade Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was one of the largest events of its kind ever held in that city, fully 200 couples being on the floor when the entertainment was at its height. In the crowd were representatives from nearly every city in Polk county about 30 visitors from Dallas, having chartered a special train to attend the dance, while a number from Monmouth, Independence and neighboring places had come up on the regular trains to attend the ball. Music for the occasion was furnished by Seeley's orchestra. A midnight supper was served at the Walker Hotel, after which the dance was continued far into the small hours of the morning.

Organize Dancing Class.

The members of the Social Committee of Company H have announced Saturday, February 27, as the date for the next dance to be given by the Company. A dancing class has been organized to meet in the armory every Thursday night after the regular drill, for the benefit of such of the young people of Dallas as do not dance but desire to learn. W. J. Kaerth has kindly taken charge of the work of instruction. The first meeting of the class, last Thursday night was well attended and the new institution promises to spring into high favor among the young men and women of the city. Any who desire to attend the classes are cordially invited to be present.

Delightful Valentine Party.

Miss Claudia Coad entertained a number of her friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Coad, Saturday night with a valentine party. The evening was enjoyably spent with different games and features of entertainment appropriate to the season and delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Ruby, Buena, and Roxie Flske, Edna Holmes, Frances Byers, Alta Savage, Vera Cooper, Margery Hayes, Hallie Coad, Gladys Canter, and Dora Hayes, and Messrs. Elmer Strayer, Harold Bieh, Elmer Ramsey, Ray Ramsey, Don Bennett, Chester Siefarth, Lief Finseth and Lynn Upham.

Telephone Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Liberty Telephone Company will be held at the Liberty schoolhouse on the first Monday in March, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may properly come before the association.

G. W. Mc-BEE, President.

Roscoe Ballantyne returned Friday from Portland, where he had been sent as a delegate to the convention of the Fraternal Brotherhood.

SUCCESS FOR BOTH TEAMS

The Oregons And Dallas College Finish Week With Decisive Victories In Basketball.

Last week closed quite successfully for the basketball players of Dallas, both at home and abroad. The Oregons finished their play in Iowa with a game against the crack Shenandoah aggregation, Thursday night, and were matched against the team in Kansas City, Missouri, Friday night, Saturday they played against the Haskell Indian Institute.

The game at Shenandoah declared by the basketball fans of that city to be the fastest and cleanest game they had ever witnessed, was a victory for the Oregons by a score of 32 to 10. This was the Shenandoah team's fourth defeat out of 83 games played.

The Kansas City game resulted in a score of 37 to 23 in favor of the Oregons, who threw 10 field goals to their opponents two. The Kansas City team seemed to depend entirely on foul throwing to win, 19 of its points being scored in that manner.

The report from the Haskell game did not reach Dallas until last night through some mistake, but the dispatch, when it did come, merely confirmed the expectations of the local fans, announcing another victory for the Oregons by a score of 23 to 13.

On Friday night the Dallas College team in this city returned the defeat it had received at the hands of the Newberg earlier in the year, with full interest, scoring 34 to its opponents' 21. The College men are playing a much stronger and more consistent game than they put up earlier in the year and will probably be able to finish well up in the League if they hold their present pace. A preliminary between the Dallas Public School and the College third team, was won by the latter the final score being 23 to 13.

The advance schedule for the Oregons will bring them to Lincoln, Nebraska tonight, where they will be matched against the Y. M. C. A. team of that city. Wednesday night they will play against Peru, Nebraska. All mail for members of the team should be addressed to Salt Lake City.

On the home floor in Dallas, Wednesday night, February 17, the Dallas College team will line up against the famous quintette from Los Angeles, enroute for Honolulu under the management of C. W. Hahn.

This team left Los Angeles December 17 and has played 69 games on the road, of which it has lost only two—to the Washington State College and the Salt Lake Y. M. C. A. Mr. Hahn was the manager of the Chicago Meteors that toured this section in 1906. He expects to embark for Honolulu February 27, to play three games on the islands. After returning to San Francisco he will bring his quintette north for a series with the Oregons who will have returned from the East by that time. Mr. Hahn will endeavor to arrange for a series of three games in this city for the championship.

He was in Dallas, Saturday and arranged for Wednesday night's game with Manager Robert Van Orsdal of Dallas College. This game will give the basketball fans of Dallas an opportunity to watch the Los Angeles players in action and calculate the results of the big series between them and the Oregons. While the local team has little hope of winning the game, it will put up a hard fight and give the people one of the best exhibitions of basketball that has been seen in Dallas this year.

Mr. Hahn has commended the work of the Oregons in their tour most highly and expects that the meeting between the two seasoned teams—the Oregons and the Los Angeles five—after their return from their extended tours, will result in one of the most exciting contests that has ever taken place on the Pacific Coast.

Fifteen Pass Examinations.

Those who passed the county examinations last week and secured certificates are as follows: First grade—Mrs. Chloe A. Seymour, of Perrydale; Miss E. L. O'Connell, of Buena Vista; Miss Sadie Lynn, of Dallas; F. E. Borneman, of Perrydale; second grade—Misses Hattie Teats, Nola E. Coad, Anna Kurtz and Almida Fuller, of Dallas; Miss Bernice Benson, of Suver; Miss Cressie Bramburg, of Independence; Miss Mary O'Donnell, of Ballston; Miss Mary Thune, of Butler; W. E. Buell, of Dallas; third grade: Miss Ethelbert Shepard, of Sheridan, and Miss Lela A. Tracer, of Dallas.

Program At The Vaudette.

The Vaudette program for Wednesday and Thursday will be as follows: pictures, The One Best Bet, A Picky Young Woman, Picturesque Naples, Wanted—A Son-in-law on Trial; song, Brother Noah Gave Out Checks For Rain; views, From Dublin to the Giants, Causway.

T. Farington returned recently from an extended trip south, during which he visited the city of Mexico and other important points.

New Spring hats and men's neckwear at Dallas Mercantile Company, 2-12-09.

WANTS GRANT NULLIFIED

Bill by Jones of Polk County Would Release 10,000 Acres of Valuable Land.

Ten thousand acres and more of marsh and tidelands around Yaquina and Alsea bays, held by the Corvallis & Eastern under the state grant of 1874, are sought by the state in a bill introduced in the house last week by Jones, of Polk. What the land is now worth no one knows, for it reaches out in many directions, forming fishing grounds, oyster beds, crab beds and marsh lands suitable for agricultural use with proper handling, besides long reaches of water front about the harbors and water line of the two bays.

Back in the early days of the state, the legislature, on October 24, 1874, granted to the Willamette Valley & Coast Railroad company all of the tide and marsh lands in what was then Benton county. Since that time the county has been cut in two and the lands in question are now in Lincoln county. Since that time the original company has been taken over by what is now known as the Corvallis & Eastern, one of the branches of the Harriman system.

During all the time that the original company or its successor in interest has held this vast grant it has made no survey of it and has paid no taxes or in any manner asserted title to it. Now the Jones bill comes to declare the grant void and provides for its revision to the state.

It is set forth in the bill that the supreme court of the United States in the case of the Illinois Central Railroad company vs. the state of Illinois, 146 U. S., page 452, has held that all tidelands, are held by the state in trust for the people of the state so that they may enjoy the navigation of the water, carry on commerce and have the liberty of fishing therein, freed from the obstruction or interference of private parties, that it is not within the providence or power of a legislature to grant away the title of an entire harbor and that any such grant if not absolutely void is revocable.

Because of this decision and because of the conditions existing in and around Yaquina and Alsea bays, the Jones bill provides that the grant of 1874 be repealed, together with any and all amendatory acts that may have been passed by the legislature subsequent to the date of the original grant.—Portland Journal.

Fine Farming Tracts Sold.

A dispatch from Independence, in the Telegram of Friday's issue says: "Several large farms in this vicinity have changed hands recently. The purchasers have for the most part been from other sections, and the farms are being subdivided and sold in small acreages. Already preparations are being made to put out fruit trees and other producers. This farm land is particularly desirable for the raising of small fruit, as well as the larger fruit, to which much land is being set out. The best of farm land is selling at \$35 to \$45 an acre all within a few miles of this place. Some of the farms recently sold were the William Cocker farm, of 300 acres, about three miles south of town; the Rex farm, of over 300 acres, south of town; the Wells farm, of 100 acres, and the Ruef farm of 300 acres, on Soap Creek.

Was Pioneer of Oregon.

W. H. Hoffman, a resident of Oregon, for more than half a century, dropped dead in his home in Eugene, Monday, from heart failure. Mr. Hoffman was born in Springfield, Illinois, July 4, 1844, and started across the plains with his parents and elder brother, James, in 1855. The father died on the way to Oregon, but the family pushed on and settled at Marysville, Oregon, now Corvallis, to which city they gave its name. The family later moved to Junction City, where Mr. Hoffman was married July 4, 1871, to Miss Helen H. Millicoor, who survives her husband. Mr. Hoffman and wife moved to Eugene over 20 years ago.—Corvallis Gazette.

Meetings Continue This Week.

The meetings at the Seventh Day Adventist Church will be continued during the remainder of the present week, the following subjects being discussed: Tuesday evening, The Dragon; Wednesday evening, United States in Prophecy; Thursday evening, God's Seal and Its Counterpart.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. M. M. Ellis on Friday afternoon, February 12. This being the 100th Anniversary of Lincoln's birth, a special program had been arranged for the occasion, and the house was appropriately decorated in flags and bunting. After a very entertaining musical and literary program had been rendered, delicious refreshments were served. About 25 ladies were present and the meeting was most enjoyable.

Ralph Harrington and Percy Dodd, will both return to their homes in Falls City at the close of this semester and do not anticipate returning for the next term's college work.—Benton County Republican, 2-12-09.

PLANS MORE STREET WORK

City Councilman Proposes New Sewer And Extension of The Macadam District Soon.

Plans for extensive additions to both the macadam and sewer district in Dallas were introduced at the meeting of the City Council last night.

Councilman Coad reported for the street committee the need of a new sewer on Ash street, to begin at the county road and run eastward through the entire length of the street. The laying of this sewer would extend the city's system more than a block further south than the sewer laid under contract by Messrs. Venske & Taylor, and would give a much freer distribution to the enormous drainage from the western section of the city which was formerly confined to the ditch on Washington street.

Councilman Coad was instructed to confer with the city engineer and secure estimates as to the probable cost of the proposed improvement.

The proposed districts for improvement with macadam were also announced. This work, if carried out as planned, will comprise about 15 new blocks in the main portion of the city west of Main Street, the work on the various streets being distributed as follows: On Oak street from Main to Levens; on Mill street from Church to Levens; on Court street from Church to Levens; on Washington street from Church to Hayter; on Levens street from the tannery hill to the south end of the street; and on Church street from Oak to Washington.

Councilman Ellis announced that he had conferred with the proprietors of the pool rooms and soft drink establishments and had decided to withdraw his proposal for an ordinance to remove all card tables and to enforce other restrictive measures. His action in the matter was prompted by the willingness of the proprietors of these establishments to comply fully with all the regulations now imposed upon them by the city.

Mr. Ellis' report of the conference of his committee with Hon. H. V. Gates last week was also introduced and filed at last night's meeting. Mr. Gates refused to lower the water rates directly, but agreed to install meters, promising to send one up to Dallas for a thorough test. Mr. Gates' recent offer to sell the water plant to the city for \$40,000 was withdrawn and he refused to make another offer at reduced figures.

Pioneer Woman Passes Away.

Mrs. Jane Parker died at her home in Eola, Sunday morning, from an attack of heart trouble, being 66 years of age at the time of her death. Mrs. Parker was born in Missouri, coming to Oregon in 1859 and locating in Wasco county, where she was married to Thomas Jordan. She was the mother of 12 children, six of whom survive her, as follows: Mrs. C. A. Oliver, Portland; Allan Jordan, Portland; Mrs. Inez Ferguson, Portland; John Jordan, Salem; Willis Jordan, Grant county; Clara Gehike, Eola. After the death of Mr. Jordan she was married to William Parker, who also preceded her to the grave. The funeral will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, from the home, at 2 p. m. and interment will be made at City View cemetery.

Death Claims Aged Man.

H. S. Montgomery, an old and respected resident of Falls City, died at his home yesterday morning, aged about 82 years. His death was due to a complication of disorders accompanying the enfeebled condition of advanced age. His son, John Montgomery, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Montgomery, of Columbia county, were in Dallas this morning, on their way to Falls City to attend the funeral services which will be held at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Beside his wife and son, Mr. Montgomery is survived by several grandchildren. He had been a resident of Falls City for nearly 20 years and numbered scores of friends among the citizens of that place, to whom his death will be a source of deep and sincere regret.

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